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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): H. SUTOU, et al

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For: DATA TRANSFER METHOD, APPARATUS, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM FOR USE IN HIERARCHICAL SYSTEM

Group: 2157

Examiner: G. Todd

**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

June 10, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

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